

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Patent Office alleges that the present application is directed to one of the following distinct groups of the claimed invention:

Group I, Claims 6-9, drawn to a method; and

Group II, Claims 10-11, drawn to a product.

In response, Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, Claims 6-9, drawn to a method. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests an examination of the elected subject matter be conducted in due course.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application(s), if necessary, to any non-elected claim subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees which are due and owing.

Respectfully submitted,

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